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1. AS PER REFTEL, EMBASSY CONVEYED VIEWS CONTAINED IN PARA 3, STATE 234963 TO FONOFF (HAMPE, LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS) OCTOBER 31. HAMPE SAID HE SAW NO PROBLEM FOR FRG IN HOLDING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT UNTIL AFTER THE NOVEMBER 8-11 QUITO MEETING. IN FACT HE GAVE US TO UNDERSTAND THAT FRG WOULD NOT INITIATE PUBLIC STATEMENT EVEN AFTER QUITO MEETING, BUT RATHER WAIT TO RESPOND TO PRESS OR OTHER INQUIRIES.

2. HAMPE SAID HE WOULD SEND INSTRUCTIONS AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK TO THE FRG EMBASSY IN PARIS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE CUBANS THERE TOWARD THE END OF THE WEEK. HE THOUGHT THE FRG WOULD PROPOSE THE END OF NOVEMBER OR THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER AS DATES FOR NEGOTIATIONS. HE STRESSED THE FRG INTEREST IN STAYING CLOSELY IN TOUCH WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN US POLICY TOWARD CUBA AND SAID THE GERMANS WOULD HOPE TO CONSULT WITH US IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE QUITO MEETING AND THEIR EVENTUAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH CUBA.
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